

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, can you handle that?

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, all this amendment does is to take the word "shall" out and put the word "may" in and the reason is that the high cost to the Game Commission for taking over this land and developing it and they would rather have the chance of doing it in orderly fashion instead of doing it in a must fashion so that is the purpose of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. I would request again that if you are in your offices please return to the Chamber so that we can get these votes. Too many of you are fading away on us and we are wasting more time on waiting for the vote to be recorded than the substantive matters. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. The committee amendments are adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill provides that the Pauline Armstrong trust or the trustee of the Henry J. and Pauline J. Armstrong charitable trust can convey this property to the Game and Parks Commission if and when the time comes that the Game and Parks can handle it and the amendment that Senator Sieck just explained leaves the total jurisdiction up to the Game and Parks and I would move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, just one question of Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WESELY: This does not mandate, all it does is authorize ~~that~~ if the Game and Parks Commission wants to accept the land they have that authority but it is up to them to make the final decision?

SENATOR SCHMIT: You are entirely right, Senator Wesely. This is a very generous gift on the part of Mrs. Armstrong to the State of Nebraska if and when they feel that they can go ahead and develop the land as a park but it is entirely up to the Game and Parks as to how they do it and when they do it.